



# Economic Development Newsletter

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## Let's "Eat Mor Chikin"

It is exciting to announce that Chick-fil-A is constructing a 4,500 square foot restaurant in Deer Park on the northeast corner of East Boulevard and Spencer Highway (next door to NTB Tire). Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2012. Since 1967, this privately held and family owned organization has steadily grown to become the second largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain in the United States with nearly 1,500 locations in 38 states and annual sales of more than \$3.2 billion. Learn more about this fascinating company at [www.chick-fil-a.com](http://www.chick-fil-a.com).



## Our Largest Industrial Building

Clay Development's Deerwood Glen business park is the site of a massive construction project. Siemens Energy, Inc. has leased a 160,000 square foot, 16-acre development that is now under construction in the business park which borders Highway 225 frontage road, just west of Georgia Ave. Siemens is consolidating two Houston facilities into this new training and field service tool facility for large-scale gas turbine components. This is the largest industrial building constructed in the Houston area in the past 5 years. The project also includes a 130-ton, \$500,000 building crane, which is one of the largest building cranes in the Houston region (most industrial buildings have a 10 or 20 ton crane). Clay Development is doing all design and construction work in-house and the project should be completed by May 2012. Siemens will bring 330 office and field employees to Deer Park. For information on Deerwood Glen Business Park, visit [www.claydevelopment.com](http://www.claydevelopment.com) or call Charlie Christ at (713) 789-2529.

## Get Your Smile Ready

Sage Dental has recently opened at 9001 Spencer Hwy., Suite J in Deer Park (in the former location of Lehigh Outfitters). Sage has several other locations in the region, including one in Baytown. Their staff is dedicated to your comfort and prompt attention and their goal is to keep your teeth healthy and your smile bright. Sage will house 2 full-time dentists plus 10 additional employees. You may reach them at (281) 479-4867.



### **Serendipity Delivers a Children's Store**

Serendipity Gift Shop, located at 4112 Center St., was busting at their seams in the original 1,000 square foot location. Consequently, owner Angie Mitchell recently opened



Serendipity Kids in the same shopping center at 4102 Center St. (in the former location of Xilantro's restaurant). This new 1,625 square foot store features kid's clothing, accessories and gifts for newborns through teens. The original Serendipity store is now savoring the extra room and has expanded their trendy selection of home décor and women's accessories. In addition, customers will soon have the option of purchasing items online through their new website, including a new collection of deer-horn chandeliers, lawn furniture, fountains and more. For more information, call (281) 476-9953. Once finalized, the new website will be [www.serendipitygiftshoponline.com](http://www.serendipitygiftshoponline.com).

### **Roller Derby in Deer Park?**



One of the few women's roller derby leagues in the region has recently formed in Deer Park. They are called the Rocket City Roller Girls and you can watch their Sunday night "games" at Skate World, located at 410 W. Pasadena. This is a family-fun event where kids under 10 years old receive free admission. Skate World, a local landmark, was opened in Deer Park over 30 years ago by the Malone family. Jay Malone, the current owner/operator, keeps the rink fun, safe and up-to-date. It's packed with teens on weekend nights, but is also the perfect venue for birthday or anniversary parties. Check out the new league at [www.rocketcityrollergirls.com](http://www.rocketcityrollergirls.com) and the rink at

[www.skateworlds.com](http://www.skateworlds.com) or call (281) 479-2816.

### **Charburger Celebrates 40 Years!**

Since 1971, Charburger has been serving up hot and tasty burgers, gyros, home-made onion rings and more to hungry customers at 1921 Center St. Long-time owners and Deer Park residents, Jeanne and John Phillipos, originally moved here from Chicago. They brought with them a restaurant background and several delicious family-recipes that have allowed Charburger to cruise through the last four decades.

They have recently added several light and healthy items, but the time-honored items keep customers coming back year after year. Congratulations to the Phillipos family and continued future success. You can call in your order at (281) 479-1143.





### **Lights, Camera, Action**

Texas Events, Inc. has recently opened a branch office in Deer Park. Owner Barbara McLendon, who raised her kids here, runs this full-service production company which is now based in Pearland. Texas Events recently hired Deer Park's own Roni Archer to market the company in our area from her home-based office. Texas Events offers sound, lighting, video, staging, rigging and convention services. They handle any size job including meetings, private parties, weddings, festivals, concerts and galas. For more than 20 years, Texas Events has offered top-notch customer service that exceeds even the highest expectations and is a one-stop company for all of your event needs. For more information, contact Roni Archer at [roni@texasevents.com](mailto:roni@texasevents.com), call (281) 485-6480 or visit [www.texasevents.com](http://www.texasevents.com).

### **Corporate Headquarters Arrives**

Austin Industrial has moved their corporate headquarters from a previous location near Hobby Airport to a 32,000 square foot facility at 2801 East 13th St. in an effort to be closer to their core customers. For more than 50 years, Austin Industrial has provided construction, maintenance, turnaround and plant services to the petrochemical, refining, energy and manufacturing industries. This relocation brings 70 new employees to Deer Park. For more information, visit [www.austin-ind.com](http://www.austin-ind.com) or call (713) 641-3400.



### **SIPCO Returns to Deer Park**

SIPCO Surface Protection Services recently moved into the Matteson Building at 2810 Center St. After moving the business from Deer Park to Houston several years ago, SIPCO realized they needed to return back to our area in order to be closer to an experienced labor pool, core customers and other service industries. They specialize in industrial coating services, offshore protective coating, fireproofing, and industrial painting. SIPCO is a member of the Muehlhan Group, a 125-year-old company based in Germany. Visit [www.Muehlhan.com](http://www.Muehlhan.com) or call (281) 930-8577.



### **Today's Insurance Steps it Up**

After working from his Deer Park home for several years, David Rush has now moved his insurance business to a 750 square foot office at 208 W. Pasadena Blvd. David is married to Deer Park graduate Kimberly Young-Rush and has owned the business since 2008. Today's Insurance offers a wide variety of insurance services to meet every need, including home, auto, life, health and commercial. Call David at (281) 542-6081 or email him at [drush@todaysinsurance.net](mailto:drush@todaysinsurance.net).



### Light Up Your Holidays

Just in time for the holidays, RT Holiday Services has opened a seasonal outlet located at 3408 Center St. (in the Food Town shopping center parking lot). The owners are Deer Park residents Raymond and Angela Brown. RT Holiday Services specializes in selling, installing and storing decoration and holiday lights. They don't just do Christmas, however. They will decorate your home or business for Halloween,

Thanksgiving, New Years or any other special occasion. Lights are custom-cut to fit your home exactly and they even wrap trees and shrubs, all while staying within your designated budget. Visit [www.rtholidayservices.com](http://www.rtholidayservices.com) or call (713) 539-8103.

### Lubrizol Constructing New Building

You might have noticed Lubrizol's new 3-story, 60,000 square foot administration building being constructed adjacent to their current building at the intersection of Tidal Road and Hwy 225 in Deer Park. The new building creates a campus-like atmosphere and will house administrative personnel. It is also being built to withstand Category 4 hurricanes and will house the ride-out crews during major storms in order to ensure the security and safety of Lubrizol's facilities.



### Bits & Pieces



- Holiday Gift Idea: Why not support our local businesses by giving a gift certificate from a local restaurant, hair salon, spa, car wash, lawn service, flower shop, gift shop or a performance with the Art Park Players?
- Capt. Benny's Seafood Restaurant & Oyster Bar, at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> St. and East Blvd., is set to open by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Mooyah Burgers is now open at 3717 Center St.
- Smooth Dudes now offers Perfect Fit Meals – healthy food for on-the-go!
- Burke's Outlet has completed its expansion and has now doubled in size.
- Our regional port exports for the first 7 months of this year were up 28.5% over the same period last year. Imports were up 28% for the same time period.
- Vopak's terminal, located at 2759 Independence Parkway in Deer Park, holds over 7 million barrels of chemical products, making it the largest chemical tank terminal in the world.

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